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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The applicants hereby amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (As amended) A ceramic fiber [comprising] is a hafnium
carbide derived from a pre-ceramic polymer according to
claim 7.

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